

September 20, 2002

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman  
Supervisor Gloria Molina  
Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke  
Supervisor Don Knabe  
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

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**MOTION TO SUPPORT THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION  
REGARDING A REGIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION PLAN -  
(ITEM NO. 12, AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2002)**

Item No. 12 on the September 24, 2002 Agenda is a motion by Supervisors Antonovich and Knabe that the Board of Supervisors support the Long Beach City Council's resolution to encourage State, Federal and local legislators and administrators to evaluate using outlying airports with underutilized capacity in less residentially developed areas as an alternative to increasing flights at Long Beach Airport.

The Long Beach City Council adopted a resolution on August 27, 2002 that calls upon the cities of Southern California, the State, Congressional representatives, and the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Ventura, to join in a cooperative and comprehensive process to develop a regional air transportation plan for Southern California that:

- reflects the environmental, environmental justice, and local quality of life constraints at existing airports in built-out urban settings;
- seeks a decentralized approach to aviation planning which equitably distributes flights to airports and communities with under-utilized capacity that are eager for the economic benefits of increased passenger and cargo activity; and
- that does not force additional capacity on already overburdened areas of the region that currently bear a disproportionate share of the region's air traffic.

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The County's Federal Legislative Agenda, adopted on February 5, 2002, supports regional alternatives to the expansion of LAX. On August 4, 1998, the Board adopted a motion supporting a regional approach to air traffic expansion, including Palmdale, Ontario, Burbank, John Wayne, and the proposed El Toro airports. Since 1998, the Board has adopted several other motions that reaffirm its support for regionalization of airport services, including increased use of Palmdale and Ontario airports. Support of the Long Beach City Council's resolution is, therefore, consistent with Board policy and prior Board actions.

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